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SUBJECT: LIBYAN PRIME MINISTER PLANS TRIP TO EUROPE

PRIME MINISTER JALLUD

IS PLANNING A VISIT TO SEVEN EUROPEAN CAPITALS BEGINNING LATER THIS MONTH. AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND, BELGIUM, GERMANY, BRITAIN, AND TWO OTHER COUNTRIES UNSPECIFIED ARE INCLUDED IN HIS PROPOSED ITINERARY. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO EXPLAIN LIBYA'S OIL POLICY TO THE EUROPEANS AND TO DISCUSS OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES.

JALLUD'S PROPOSED TOUR IS PART OF AN EFFORT, BEGUN BY PRESIDENT QADHAFI DURING HIS TRIP TO FRANCE AND YUGOSLAVIA LAST MONTH, TO STRENGTHEN LIBYA'S RELATIONS WITH EUROPE. THE LIBYANS APPARENTLY SEE AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THEIR POSITION WITH THE

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EUROPEANS TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF THE US AND THEIR ARAB NEIGHBORS. JALLUD WILL NO DOUBT EMPHASIZE THAT LIBYA--DESPITE THE OIL SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY OTHER ARABS--HAS TRIED TO KEEP ITS OIL POLICY TOWARD EUROPE ON A MORE REASONABLE FOOTING. IN EXCHANGE FOR ASSURED OIL SUPPLIES, JALLUD WILL BE SHOPPING FOR ARMS, AND DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. AT THE SAME TIME, THE LIBYAN ~~WILL~~ ^{PRIME MINISTER} PROBABLY HARP ON TRIPOLI'S OPPOSITION TO ~~THE~~ US AND SOVIET SPONSORSHIP OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, THE EXCLUSION OF EUROPE FROM THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE OVERALL THREAT TO EUROPE AND THE THIRD WORLD FOSTERED BY US-SOVIET DETENTE. [REDACTED] 25X1

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